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AUTHORITIES REGISTER ALL CANTON RADIO SETS,
 NOW REMOVING SHORT-WAVE CIRCUITS

The Communist authorities in Canton, having completed the registration of all radio sets owned by civilians, are undertaking to remove all short-wave circuits from sets to prevent civilians and special agents from receiving and disseminating foreign broadcasts.

From 7 to 11 December 1950, the Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao carried Public Security Order No 58, dated 7 December 1950, of the Canton Municipal government, which requires registration between 7 and 13 December of all radio receiver sets owned by civilians, factories, commercial firms, schools, and various organizations. Public address systems which have receiver sets are included, but the radio sets owned by foreign nationals will come under separate regulations. The order also requires that hereafter all radio merchants must inform the Public Security Bureau of purchasers of new radio receiver sets.

The order states that the registration is necessary to improve the radio broadcasting industry, to grant lawful ownership to civilians, and to prevent special agents from utilizing sets for receiving foreign broadcasts and fabricating and disseminating false rumors.

The 24 December 1950 issue of the Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao reported a news item from Canton, dated 23 December 1950, which said that the Canton Public Security Bureau has completed the registration of radio sets, and is now undertaking to remove all short-wave circuits from the sets so that foreign broadcasts cannot be received.

The 28 December 1950 issue of the Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao reported that the Canton Public Security Bureau is now issuing certificates to owners of radio sets, which bear the following warning:

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1. This certificate must be shown when purchasing radio parts or repairing the set.
2. Change of address must be reported to the bureau for correction on the certificate.
3. Moving a radio set out of Canton will be allowed only after approval by the bureau.
4. The certificate must be renewed when ownership changes.
5. The certificate must be returned to the bureau when the set is discarded.

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